(iv) Introduction of private channels for sale of Khadi products *e.g.* Shoppers Stop, Mumbai, a prestigious show room sells khadi today.

(v) Establish tie-up arrangements with National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) for product design and packaging.

(vi) Stiff and soft finishing process of Khadi cloth has been launched on a pilot basis with the help of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi.

Transfer of Group 'D' employees of Atomic Energy Education Society of Hyderabad

940. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether class IV (Group D) employees of Atomic Energy Education Society working at Hyderabad were transferred to Bihar and Mumbai on the grounds of work shrinkage;

(b) if so, whether Atomic Energy Education Society passed an order stating "all the Group 'D' employees should be placed at the service of Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad and they would be paid by the Atomic Energy Society."

(c) if so, the reasons and circumstances leading to violation of the above orders; and

(d) the reasons for not issuing orders to NFC, Hyderabad to absorb the surplus AEES Group 'D' instead of recruiting from outside?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Due to considerable shrinkage in the student strength of Hyderabad Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES) Schools, some of the teaching and non-teaching staff have been rendered surplus. After retaining the minimum Group 'D' staff required for the AEES Schools at Hyderabad, some of them have been transferred to AEES Schools at other places in the country.

(b) to (d) AEES cannot and has not passed any order to the Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC), a Govt. of India industrial establishment to absorb

these Group D staff in NFC. They have requested NFC to explore the possibility of absorbing these Group D staff against their future vacancies. Since these staff belong to an autonomous body and are not Government employees, they will have to undergo a regular process of selection in NFC as and when vacancies arise in future.

Safety measures in nuclear plants

†941. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate safety measures are not available in most of the nuclear power plants in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that radiation related accidents have become a frequent phenomenon in all the nuclear plants; and

(c) if so, the details of such accidents during the last five years, the plant-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of the above.

Additional spectrum for telecom service providers

942. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the details of the modalities to make 25 Mhz additional spectrum for telecom service providers over the next three years with the cost of the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): The Government has decided that adequate spectrum be made available for unimpeded growth of telecom services. In this context, a Task Force has been constituted to workout the modalities, this including time frame and financial requirements for this purpose.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.